The South 40

Results of cattle survey examined

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

One night last week I shared the results of a survey with the Cattlemen's Association that I had recently completed. Since it deals with marketing of feeder cattle, and there are about 200 feeder cattle producers in the county, it would be well for those that were not present to have the results.

In Appomattox County there are about 18,000 head of beef cattle. For several years we have consistently marketed about 5 percent of the calf crop through the organized sales. Why is the number this low? Some tell me that there is not enough difference in price spread between the regular auction sales and the special sales. Others say it costs too much to give calves the required shots; While others say the marketing charges are too high.

I have collected data on Appomattox cattle--weight, grade, sex and price marketed through the special sales last fall--and compared this with all cattle from all counties sold on the special sale in Lynchburg, plus a comparison with cattle sold on the Monday at. prior to the special sale.

The first feeder sale was Sept. 29. M1 steer calves from Appomattox County averaged 530 pounds, average weight of all steer calves was 506 pounds. The average weight of M1 heifer calves from Appomattox County was 444 pounds, average weight of all heifer calves was 459 pounds. The average price of M1 steer calves fromAppomattox County weighing 500-600 pounds was 65.80, average price of M1 steer calves of all 500-600 pounds steer calves was 61.78. The average price of 500-600 M1 steer calves sold on the open market Sept. 28 was 52.25. The average price of M1 400-500 pound M1 heifers from Appomattox County was 52.79, the average price of all 400-500 pound M1 heifers on the special sale was 49.76. The average price of 400-500 pound M1 heifer calves on the open market Sept. 28 was 43.50.

The price difference between Appomattox County steer calves and open market steers was $15.55 per cwt. Multiply the 530 pound steer times 13.55 equals a difference of $71.82 per head.

The price difference between Appomattox County heifer and open market heifers was $9.29 per cwt. Multiply the 444 pound heifer times 9.29 equals a difference of $41.25 per head.

On the second feeder sale, there were no heifers from Appomattox County sold, so we'll look at only steer differences. On the Oct. 20 special sale, Appomattox County M1 steers averaged 504 pounds, average weight of all steers was 481 pounds. The average price of Appomattox County M1 steer 500-600 pounds was 65.50, average price of all 500-600 pound steers was 63.95. The average price of M1 500-600 pound steers on the open market Oct. 17 was 60.50

The difference between Appomattox County M1 500-600 pound steers and the open market steers for same grade and weight was $5.50 per cwt. Multiply 504 pounds times 5.50 equals $27.72 per head.

The extra vaccination costs for 7-way clostridial, plus IBR P13 is $3.00 per head. Heifers need to be vaccinated for Brucellosis in addition, but something that everyone should be doing anyway.

Marketing cost for the 504 pound steer through the regular auction sale is about $8.38 per head, while the special sale cost is $8.80.

Certainly I can't promise the wide price spread of the first sale every year. I do believe there is a significant difference in terms of dollars per head that you can achieve in most years. The difference in marketing charges is insignificant and the health regulations are no more than what a good cattleman should be doing.

Quality-wise, a very high percentage of the county's calf crop will qualify. It's tough making beef cattle pay, but they can be more profitable if cattleman pay more attention to their marketing strategies.

Select Sires will hold an artificial insemination training course at the Lynchburg Livestock Market May 1-3. Your application needs to be in by April 20, if you would like to take the course or have a refresher training program. We have applications for your use.

A research project is underway to study root rot on tobacco. We have identified the problem on a number of Appomattox farms over the years. If you will be planting tobacco in fields that have a root rot history and are willing to cooperate in this project, please let me know. The researchers will visit the farm twice to collect soil samples. This project can be of immense value to a number of Appomattox tobacco producers.

APPOMATTOX HOME IMPROVEMENT has moved to a new location on Church Street across from the former Poe Hardware building. Ronnie Galli, owner of the business, says the new location will allow "better service to the people in the area." Galli invites friends and customers to come by the new location and visit the showroom.

Happiness is 4-H

4-H contest is Saturday

The Annual East Central District 4-H Contest will be held on Saturday, April 14 at the Appomattox County High School. Appomattox Senior 4-H members planning to participate include: Anne Hancock, Tiffany Royal, Alice Jackson, Jennifer Coleman, Lisa Williamson, Jeff Williams, Jo Anna Layne, Kathy Beasley, Ada Hunter, Lisa Harrison, Karen Trent, Lucy Christian, Wendy Harris, Brett Marston, Annette Turner, Kathy Bryan, Marvin Hamlett, Cheryl Wooten, Ernest Humbles and Howard Anderson. Winners from the District Contest will have the chance to attend State 4-H Congress on the Virginia Tech Campus during the week of June 18-22.

4-H Interstate Exchange delegates for the trip to Bailey County, Texas, have been selected. The twenty 4-Her delegates include: Rhonda Ranson, Teresa Burger, Latrese Lee, Chip Hernsell, Robert Coleman, Craig Ranson, Robert Taylor, Rick Pack, Lisa Coleman, Kathy Bryan, Brett Marston, Beth Marston, Ernest Humbles, Bob Poole, James Cash, Sheri Williams, Curtis Moore, Tiffany Royal, Karen Trent, and Howard Anderson. Alternates selected include: Lucy Christian, Jeff Williams and Sonny Martin. The 4-H trip to Texas will take place during the last part of July.

Forty four Appomattox young people participated in the Area Junior/Intermediate 4-H Contest in Rustburg on March 31. 4-H'ers from Amherst, Bedford, Campbell and Halifax also participated in the program. Appomattox 4-H'ers winning top awards and their contest area include: Shannon Williams (Share-the-Fun); Sharla Kvasnicka (Public Speaking), Greg Totty (Public Speaking), Latrese Lee (Fashion Revue), Tracy Guthrie (Fashion Revue), Beverly Carter (Plant Science), Rick Pack (Small Engines), Sheri Williams (Home Environment), Beth Marston (Home Management), Laura Bradley (Health), Wendy McClenny (Breads and Cereals), Kim Muller (Fruits and Vegetables), Mike Lutke (Archery), Carmenita Thornton (Conservation), Patricia Richardson (Plant Science), Chad Page (Entomology), Ginny Sweet (Wildlife), Jamie Wooley (Auto Care), Suzanne Compton (Home Management), Valerie Bryant (Vet Science), Brent Rowbins (Dog Care), Lori Harris (Livestock), Ward Sauls (Poultry), Tanya Moore (Health), Kevin Ragland (Safety), Beth Scott (Breads and Cereals), Jennifer White (Meat and Meat Substitutes), Mary Helen McLaughlin (Fruits and Vegetables), and Jennifer Notestein (Milk and Milk Products).

A special appreciation is extended to all the 4-H parents who attended the Area Contest in Rustburg in support of their young people.

Good News For Homemakers

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

Economical egg buys are still available to consumers even though prices recently have doubled as a result of declining feed grain production and a poultry influenza outbreak.

It is always wise to compare prices because invariably there is always a best or better buy. Using an updated formula, consumers can choose the most economical egg size. If the difference between two egg sizes is greater than 15 cents, buy the smaller size. If the difference is less than 15 cents, buy the larger size. This is the most up-to-date formula we have for choosing economical eggs.

Did you know the jumbo eggs may be the best buy at this time even though they may be 10 or 20 cents more than the large ones? Two and a half ounces per jumbo egg offers a better value than large eggs at two ounces each. A difference of six ounces between a dozen large and jumbo eggs makes the jumbo eggs a much better buy. Since last summer, egg prices have doubled, costing consumers about $1.28 for a dozen medium eggs in some places. These price increases are the result of three things.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture began a payment-in-kind (PIK) Program last year to encourage farmers to reduce to corn surplus. The tremendous dry year also reduced the corn crop. These combined factors made corn harvest very low. In general, the cost of feed is 30 to 40 cents higher than a couple of years ago.

In addition to the drop in grain production, a recent outbreak of Avian Influenza has plagued some of the largest egg producing states in the country. Another factor is that many of Virginia's egg producers have been forced out of business over the past three or four years because they couldn't sell their eggs at a high enough price to yield a profit.

Fewer producers mean fewer eggs in today's market and thus resulting in a higher egg price.

Eggs are an excellent nutritional source of food for your table. We encourage you to use eggs in your family's diet plan. Eggs are an excellent source of calcium, iron and other minerals and vitamins. When comparing the price of an egg with the equivalent portion of a piece of meat, you will find that an egg is still an excellent buy.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or you may write us at P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, VA 24522. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you.

Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
VEGGIE DIP
12 oz. cottage cheese
¼ cup butter milk or skim milk
1 cup mayonnaise
1 package creamy Italian dressing mix
1 teaspoon seasoning salt
Salt and pepper
Worcestershire sauce to suit your taste

Blend buttermilk and cottage cheese until creamy. Gradually add remaining ingredients and mix well.

For a low calorie dip, use low-fat cottage cheese and substitute low fat cheese for mayonnaise.

Thanks to Mrs. Mary Taylor for sharing this low-calorie, nutritious dip.

ASCS Today

Reduction program figures noted

BY TOM CONRAD

PRELIMINARY ACREAGE REDUCTION REPORT SHOWS 123.6 MILLION ACRES ENROLLED - Farmers have enrolled 123.6 million acres of feed grain, wheat acreage in the 1984 acreage reduction programs, according to figures released recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Block said if pending legislation becomes law, the program will be reopened for wheat but not for feed grain.

The enrolled acreage represents 52.7 percent of the 234.6 million acres total base acreage and includes 2 million of payment-in-kind acres signed up under the 1984 wheat program.

Signup was held Jan. 16 through March 16.

Participating producers will be eligible for program benefits such as Commodity Credit Corporation loans and purchases and target price protection and wheat growers will receive payment-in-kind for their PIK acreage.

Base acreage enrolled in the programs include 58.9 million acres of feed grains and 50 million acres of wheat.

Farmers who signed up to participate in the acreage reduction programs agreed to reduce their base acreage plantings by at least 10 percent for corn, sorghum, oats and barley.

Wheat growers agreed to reduce base acreage plantings by 30 percent and had the option of reducing plantings by an additional 10 to 20 percent under a PIK provision.

The cropland taken out of production must be devoted to an acreage conservation reserve.

The 1984-crop national average loan rates are: barley, $2.08 per bushel; corn, $2.55 per bushel; oats, $1.31 per bushel; sorghum, $2.42 per bushel; and wheat, $3.30 per bushel.

Target prices for the 1984 crops are Barley. $2.60 per bushel; corn, $3.03 per bushel; oats, $1.60 per bushel; sorghum, $2.88 per bushel; and wheat, $4.45 per bushel.

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AARP plans meeting

The Pamplin chapter of American Association of Retired Persons will meet (April 12 in the fellowship hall of the Pamplin Charge United Methodist Church.

The meeting is at noon, starting with a pot-luck luncheon, after which will be a brief meeting.

Appomattox County agent, Jim Smith, from Virginia Cooperative Extension Service has been scheduled to give the group a talk on home gardening.

Society seeks help in finding clothing

The Appomattox County Historical Society is seeking turn-of-the-century clothing for a girl-child mannequin. Her family's diet plan. Eggs are an excellent source of calcium, iron and other minerals and vitamins. When comparing the price of an egg with the equivalent portion of a piece of meat, you will find that an egg is still an excellent buy.

Clothing for an eight- to 10-year-old child is needed. The mannequin will be in the school room at the museum.

"Help us dress this child, please," said Mrs. Gertrude Wooldridge, society member.

"Call Mrs. Minerva Kepler at 352-7510 if you can help clothe this child for school," Wooldridge concluded.

Contel extends hours

Continental Telephone has extended its business office hours, says Spence Kiser, superintendent-telephone services in Amherst.

Customers may now call the business office from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Before the extension, the business office hours were 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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"Now that we have moved to our new service office in Emporia, we have more space to add employees to handle the additional hours," says Kiser. "Also, the consolidation of our offices in Amherst, Chase City, and Franklin to Emporia gave us more flexibility in scheduling our employees."

Continental's longer business hours apply to customers in the following exchanges: Amherst, Raphine, Paint Bank, Pamplin, Appomattox, Newport, New Castle, Sweet Briar, Allwood and Gladstone.

Volunteer list is expanded

The Appomattox County Chapter of the American Cancer Society last week released a list of volunteers collecting for the annual fund drive conducted during the month of April.

Daniel Straton, chairman of the drive, added the following names to those already released. Pamplin and Hollywood, Donald and Florence Baldwin, Michelle Baldwin, Mrs. Henry Earl Covington, Albert Davis, Mrs. Hilda Gilliam, Roy Lucado, Bob Miner, Mrs. Ester Price, Miss Julia Wingfield and Mrs. Maybelle Womack.

THE SPOUT SPING RURITAN CLUB received recognition from Ruritan National during their March meeting. The club was recognized for continuous support of the Ruritan National Foundation. The National Foundation is set up to aid students in times of financial support for higher education. The Spout Spring club has supported the National Foundation for the past three years with monetary contributions. The local club is working toward the establishment of a permanent fund for the Appomattox district. In order to establish a permanent fund for each district a contribution of $1,000.00 is needed. This contribution does not have to be made all at once, and a permanent fund becomes established when a total of $1,000.00 is contributed. A certificate of recognition from the Ruritan National organization was presented to the club by Mr. Horace Coleman, district governor. Shown receiving the award for the Spout Spring Club are Peyton Cumby - president (right) and David Spiggle, one of the members.

Ruritans meeting noted

The Spout Spring Ruritans Club met March 5 for their regular monthly meeting. Francis Tyler of the Oakville Ruritan Club spoke on the Memorial day celebration to be held at the Appomattox Court House May 27 at 2 p.m.

Horace Coleman spoke of Congressman Dan Daniel's concern for better representation of the county citizens now than in past years. Tyler asked for the support of the Spout Spring club.

Bob Miner, president of the Pamplin Club was present in addition to prospective members, Al Puckett, Paul Barker and Larry Berrell.

Zone Governor Horace Coleman spoke on the club competition in the zone, on matter of club operations, the secretary's report and the value they can be to the club. He also emphasized the importance of the membership committee and the need for a reporter and the value of all those who work in the club.

Special emphasis was placed on the program, "Rising Senior" and it was suggested the club give this consideration. A suggestion was made that a student from Appomattox County High School be chosen and their dues paid for one full year by the club.

Joe Fuller told of plans to place names of all persons or organizations who contributed to the clubs building project, a minimum absent of $50.00 on a brass plate to be attached to a board to be displayed in the main building when completed.

Plans were completed to carry out the following projects: TV raffle on May 8 to raise money for club projects; Turkey shoot for a period of eight weeks.

A report was given on recreation building which is partially completed.

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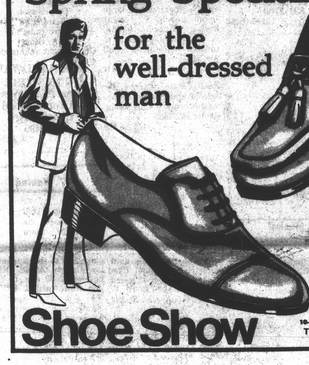

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Letters to the editor

Reagan blasted

Editor:

On Tuesday March 27, 1984 Congress passed and sent to the Senate a bill introduced by Rep. J.J. Pickle, D-Texas that would force our government to prove medical improvement before Social Security Benefits could be taken from a person. In spite of the vigorous protest and strong opposition of the current administration this bill passed the house by a vote of 410-1. Does the administration plan to veto this one? We must wait until the Senate votes on the Pickle Bill before we will know the answer to that one.

The hardline approach that the current administration is taking against disabled Americans, from the beginning is to me disgraceful. Since March 1, 1981 a total of 470,000 disabled Americans have had their benefits taken from them.

Thousands of disability benefits have been terminated, based upon un-documented, anonymous reports without prior notice or without the disabled person being allowed to see the evidence or given a chance to deny a false report. Disability benefits are being cut out without investigation or due process as prescribed by law. These are facts to which the undersigned can attest.

But all men are innocent until proven guilty? Not in this man's land they ain't, waste of time, I get the impression that that is wait the present administration is saying. "The Bill of Rights" is old hat, is no applicable to the present day and time. I see this as being an alarming situation that has been thrust upon us.

It is my firm conviction that if every American who voted for the current administration had to muscle himself up on a pair of crutches or seat himself in a wheel chair to move his body from place to place, the current administration would have no more chance of succeeding itself than ice would have of surviving on a charcoal grill.

To me, the current administration leaves more to be desired than any administration since our greatest nation on earth was founded. I know of no other political regime that ever dared be as cruel or as ruthless as the current administration has been to the handicapped and disabled Americans since it came to power. I am reminded of the days of Hitler and his Nazi party that overran and so butally mistreated the German people almost a half century ago. The removal of the current administration from our nation's White House is a must, if handicapped and disabled American people are to regain and maintain the slightest degree of human dignity.

Sincerely,
J. Robert Jamerson

'Where's the bird?'

Editor:

The nation seems to be puzzled by the question, "Where's the beef?" However, Appomattox is equally, if not more, perplexed by the question, "Where's the pigeons?"

Having friends in the Appomattox area, I visit often frequently. I have never seen pigeons in the Town of Appomattox. In fact, I never knew Appomattox had pigeons until after reading it in the Lynchburg News and Daily Advance.

I feel that Town Council is making more of the problem than that which exists. If you suspect the pigeons are diseased, capture a few and have the state run tests to determine whether they are healthy or not. That would be better than assuming they pose a health threat. As far as buildings go, work out an agreement with the local fire department. Surely, they could hose building fronts routinely. If you just want to get the pigeons out of you hair, don't kill them. Set up a loft outside of the city limits and allow an active group to tend to them.

How can the town be classified as a bird sanctuary if the pigeons are killed? Study the definition. A bird sanctuary is an area, usually a city or town, in which birds of all kinds can seek refuge and protection. If indeed the pigeons are killed, Appomattox will no longer meet those requirements. Someone should inform the National Audubon Society to see what they have to say about the matter.

With all the nice things I have heard about your Town Council, some other alternative could be reached. Put more thought into the situation.

Sincerely,
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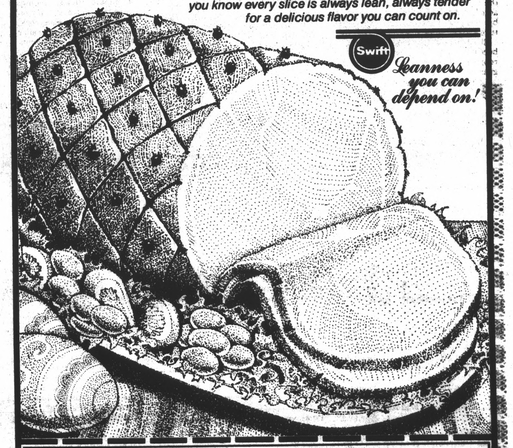

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